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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: INOUE et al.

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PRODUCING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 3, 2002

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the July 2, 2002 Office Action, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, applicants hereby elect the Group II invention drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, noting that claims 19-24 read on as elected group, with traverse.

It is noted that the Office Action states that if the Group II invention is elected, it is necessary to elect a patentably distinct species "as listed above." However, the list of species pertains to the device rather than the method. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that since they are electing Group II directed to the method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, no further election of species is necessary.

Notwithstanding the above comments, in order to ensure full response to the Office Action, applicants hereby elect Embodiment 1 noting that claims 19-24 would

be readable on a method of making the device shown in Embodiment 1.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.39252X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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